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Hi John - I hope you're well. I run Bicycles For Humanity, Melbourne a volunteer run charity that sends second hand bikes to the developing world - you can find out more at [www.bicycleforhumanity.com](http://www.bicycleforhumanity.com)

After 6 years and over 4,000 bicycles sent we're just kicking off our first fundraising event - The Melbourne to Namibia Challenge.

Participants sign up to ride either 110km over a weekend or 1100km over 4 weeks to help bridge the distance from here to Africa where many of our projects are based.

I've attached the digital flyer for the event here.

Participants can sign up for free and choose to either ride 110km and raise \$110 or ride 1100km and raise \$1100 (ridden in teams of 10 with each riding and raising 1100).

For each of these fund raising goals we're offering some great riding gear and the chance to win a bike - all detailed in the flyer.

These two challenge levels have been designed for both those new to riding and those with a few kms in their legs already.

We'd love members of your group to come on board, challenge themselves for a great cause and benefit from the rewards.

We'd greatly appreciate you forwarding the flyer to your members. If you have any questions or would like someone to come to present to your group please let me know.

Best regards

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# Banyule Bug

## Newsletter

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Material for the Banyule BUG Newsletter can be sent to Allan Garbutt [allang@bigpond.net.au](mailto:allang@bigpond.net.au)



Latte Holder for your bike. Bringing to the cyclist a new level of caffeine availability.

## The Netherlands unveils world's first solar bicycle path

The Netherlands has unveiled the world's first solar bike path, a revolutionary project to harvest the sun's energy that could eventually also be used on roads

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-11-13/dutch-unveil-world-first-solar-power-bicycle-path/5888440>



### THE COPENHAGEN WHEEL

Smart, responsive and elegant, the Copenhagen Wheel is a new emblem for urban mobility. It transforms ordinary bicycles quickly into hybrid e-bikes that also function as mobile sensing units. The Copenhagen Wheel allows you to capture the energy dissipated while cycling and braking and save it for when you need a bit of a boost. It also maps pollution levels, traffic congestion, and road conditions in real-time.

Follow the link for further information and video.  
<http://senseable.mit.edu/copenhagenwheel/>

### Do you want to try mountain bike orienteering?

Low key events on Saturday evenings, starting at 6 pm. Be there by 5.30 to get organised.

7 February at Goolgung Gve, Greensborough (Plenty Gorge Park)

21 February at Lysterfield Lake Park.

7 March at Panton Hills

See specific locations and details on the calendar at <http://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events>

Kathy Liley can provide more information.





Seen in West Heidelberg. Interesting art work created from kerb side collection material. Really creative use of other people's throw-a-way. It certainly adds some charm to an otherwise ordinary street.

**From Vic Roads - In the interests of safer cycling.**

Further rules pertaining to cyclists are available here.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/bicycles>

## Riding with other riders

Bike riders must not ride alongside more than one other rider in a single marked lane or on any part of a road that is not a multi-lane road unless the bike rider is overtaking another bike rider.

On multi-lane roads, bike riders cannot (as stated) ride more than two abreast in any single marked lane on that road (unless, as stated, overtaking another bike rider) but may ride more than two abreast across multiple lanes.

If riding in the same marked lane (and regardless of whether the road is a multi-lane road or any other sort of road), bike riders in that marked lane must not ride more than 1.5 metres apart.

**Tip:** When riding two abreast please consider other road users and, if necessary, change to single file to allow drivers to overtake safely.

Drivers – only overtake when it is safe and legal to do so. After overtaking, make sure you are well clear of the bike riders before moving back.

Link to an excellent map showing the new Darebin Shimmy.

[Shimmy back street](#)



**Leigh's new machine.**



### Cycling/Walking Hazard

On the Diamond Creek Shared Trail. Pedestrian/Rail Crossing just North of Eltham Station.

These potholes have been here for months and are not getting any smaller. The entire crossing surface is subsiding. I imagine ground water issues.

Metro have been advised.  
Take care.

### Book Review

If anyone is looking for a 'bicycle adventure yarn', I have just finished reading this and can recommend it.

"Bicycle Diaries" David Byrne. Faber & Faber.

David lived in New York and is an avid cyclist. He discovered folding bikes and this began his journey around the world using public transport and his bike. His accounts of the cities he visited such as London, Berlin, Istanbul, Sydney etc. along with his views about the politics and people makes for interesting reading.



His account of Sydney begins with *"Sydney. Hooley what a freaking dooley, what a weird and gorgeous city..."* Later in the book - *"In Melbourne, I bike along the riverside and stumble upon a new downtown park. It's Australia Day, so there are lots of festivities in the park. The aborigines see it as a day commemorating the onset of shame, horror and degradation..."*

At times descriptive, at other times reflective. Often coloured by his personal views on life. I found it very readable.

I have one copy that I am happy to loan to BUG Members.